



On average, workers in non-urban areas can expect to earn lower wages than statewide figures.

wages:

The wage rates in this publication show the entry-level estimates and median wages for experienced workers. Median wages represent the pay ranked in the middle for all workers in the occupation—whether they have 30 years of experience or three months of experience. Workers entering an occupation for the first time should use inexperienced-level

wage estimates for decision-making purposes. These inexperienced-level estimates are computed by taking the average of the lowest third of workers in an occupation.

Wages were collected by the Utah Department of Workforce Services in 2005. For more information on occupational wages visit our web site: jobs.utah.gov/wi.

five star jobs:

Best employment demand and highest wages.



Question:

What is a five-star job?"

Answer:

The Utah Department of Workforce Services uses a star rating to rank jobs based on employment outlook and wages. In this rating system, five-star jobs are those with the strongest employment outlook and high wages. The employment outlook rating is based 90 percent on the number of annual openings projected for that occupation and 10 percent

on the rate of new employment growth in that job. Wage rankings use the median annual wage from the Utah wage survey conducted by the Department of Workforce Services.

The system groups jobs by training level. In other words, a high-paying or five-star job with on-the-job training will not match the wages of a high-paying five-star job requiring a college education!